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## Iowa Milk Production

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in May 2011 totaled 387 million pounds, up less than 1 percent from May 2010. The average number of milk cows at 208,000 head, was down 2 percent from May 2010. Production per cow averaged 1,860 pounds, up 2 percent from May 2010.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from May 2010. April revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from April 2010. The April revision represented an increase of 3 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,899 pounds for May, 6 pounds above May 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.45 million head, 103,000 head more than May 2010, and 15,000 head more than April 2011.

## Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, May 2010 and 2011

| State                             | Milk Cows <sup>1</sup> |              | Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup> |              | Milk Production <sup>2</sup> |                  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                   | 2010                   | 2011         | 2010                      | 2011         | 2010                         | 2011             | Change from 2010 |
|                                   | (1,000 Head)           | (1,000 Head) | (Pounds)                  | (Pounds)     | (Million Pounds)             | (Million Pounds) | (Percent)        |
| Arizona .....                     | 173                    | 186          | 2,160                     | 2,140        | 374                          | 398              | 6.4              |
| California .....                  | 1,755                  | 1,772        | 2,020                     | 2,075        | 3,545                        | 3,677            | 3.7              |
| Colorado .....                    | 117                    | 126          | 2,050                     | 2,030        | 240                          | 256              | 6.7              |
| Florida .....                     | 115                    | 118          | 1,700                     | 1,720        | 196                          | 203              | 3.6              |
| Idaho .....                       | 559                    | 577          | 1,940                     | 1,980        | 1,084                        | 1,142            | 5.4              |
| Illinois .....                    | 101                    | 98           | 1,720                     | 1,700        | 174                          | 167              | -4.0             |
| Indiana .....                     | 169                    | 170          | 1,815                     | 1,805        | 307                          | 307              |                  |
| Iowa .....                        | <b>212</b>             | <b>208</b>   | <b>1,820</b>              | <b>1,860</b> | <b>386</b>                   | <b>387</b>       | <b>0.3</b>       |
| Kansas .....                      | 116                    | 121          | 1,860                     | 1,870        | 216                          | 226              | 4.6              |
| Michigan .....                    | 359                    | 364          | 2,065                     | 2,040        | 741                          | 743              | 0.3              |
| Minnesota .....                   | 470                    | 471          | 1,725                     | 1,675        | 811                          | 789              | -2.7             |
| Missouri .....                    | 101                    | 96           | 1,340                     | 1,360        | 135                          | 131              | -3.0             |
| New Mexico .....                  | 324                    | 327          | 2,160                     | 2,180        | 700                          | 713              | 1.9              |
| New York .....                    | 610                    | 610          | 1,850                     | 1,825        | 1,129                        | 1,113            | -1.4             |
| Ohio .....                        | 271                    | 268          | 1,765                     | 1,680        | 478                          | 450              | -5.9             |
| Oregon .....                      | 116                    | 120          | 1,780                     | 1,790        | 206                          | 215              | 4.4              |
| Pennsylvania .....                | 541                    | 543          | 1,750                     | 1,730        | 947                          | 939              | -0.8             |
| Texas .....                       | 410                    | 430          | 1,880                     | 1,950        | 771                          | 839              | 8.8              |
| Utah .....                        | 85                     | 87           | 1,850                     | 1,810        | 157                          | 157              |                  |
| Vermont .....                     | 137                    | 135          | 1,625                     | 1,655        | 223                          | 223              |                  |
| Virginia .....                    | 95                     | 96           | 1,640                     | 1,605        | 156                          | 154              | -1.3             |
| Washington .....                  | 250                    | 261          | 2,030                     | 2,050        | 508                          | 535              | 5.3              |
| Wisconsin .....                   | 1,261                  | 1,266        | 1,840                     | 1,800        | 2,320                        | 2,279            | -1.8             |
| 23-State Total <sup>3</sup> ..... | 8,347                  | 8,450        | 1,893                     | 1,899        | 15,804                       | 16,043           | 1.5              |

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.